

Boston ANA Convention Review

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Greetings!

We acquired a lot of **new purchases** at the ANA show in Boston. They are listed at right, and all of them have been priced. Over the next few days we will list them on the website, and pictures will follow. **If you see any coin(s) of interest, please call (717)533-2935 or e-mail us to reserve the coin(s)** and we will post photos of those coins first.

We sold the 1806 B-8 quarter with cud, one of three known (R-8), for a record \$18,666. We also sold several very nice coins including 1809 and 1822 dimes, a gorgeous 1823/2 dime in AU-58, an EF 1844 dime, an 1860-O dime, an 1872-CC dime in NGC VF-30, an 1852-O quarter, a rare variety of 1877 quarter, two choice AU Bust halves, an 1844-O Doubled Date half, and an 1857 Seated dollar. Overall, the Boston convention exceeded the L. A. convention last year, but had much less activity than the 2008 Baltimore convention and for us, the 2006 and 2007 ANA conventions. In other words, we sold some very nice coins, just not enough of them. We also met a lot of new people, partly because we had not been in this area of the country for over two years. We also were happy to see so many of our existing customers.

I have a local show August 28 in Lebanon, PA on and September 18 in Lancaster, PA, and then it is on to Philadelphia for the Whitman show September 30 to October 2. If you get to any of these shows, please stop by and say hello!

- - - Rich Uhrich

A conversation with Bill Fivaz

I saw Bill Fivaz at ANA and had a brief conversation with him. For those of who who don't know Mr. Fivaz, his numismatic credentials are a mile long.

New Purchases!

Bust Half Dimes - 1797 VF damaged and cheap, 1829 LM-15.2 EF-45, 1829 LM-18 VF, **1831 LM-3 PCGS AU-58**, 1834 PCGS VF-20, 1835 LM-10 EF-45, 1837 LM-2 VF/F R5.

Seated Half Dimes - **1840-O No Drapery Large O EF-40**, 1840-O With Drapery F-12, 1848 Large Date VF-20, 1851 EF-45, 1853 No Arrows PCGS AU-55, **1853-O No Arrows PCGS VF-25** and AG-3/G-4.

Bust Dimes - 1809 and 1811/09 at grading service, **1830/29 JR-4 NGC AU-53**.

Seated Dimes - 1840-O Small o VF-20, 1856-O VF-20, 1857-O EF-40, 1858-O EF-40, **1858-S PCGS VF-25**, 1861-S VF-20, **1863 PR-60**, 1863-S VG-10, **1864 ANACS VF-35** business strike, 1868 EF-40, 1868-S VF-20, 1869 VF/F, 1869-S EF-40, 1871 VF-20, 1872-S VF-20, **1873 W/Arrows Doubled Die Obverse NGC VG-10**, 1873-S F-12, **1874 Missing Right Arrow VF-20**, 1874-S VG-10, 1875-S In Wreath AU-50, 1876-CC AU-55, 1886-S VF-35, 1890-S AU-50, 1891-O/horizontal O VG.

Bust Quarters - 1805 B-2b G-6, **1834 B-5, R-5, AU-55** - - tied for 6th in Condition Census, 1837 B-4 EF-45.

Seated Quarters - 1840 W/Draper VF-30, 1842 Lg. Date VG-8, 1847-O F-12, 1850 AU-50, 1855-S F/VG, **1861-S PCGS XF-40**, **1869 business strike PCGS VF-30**.

Bust Halves - 1807 O-112 VG, **1808 O-104 R5 Ch. VF**, 1813 O-103 VF-30, **1814/3 O-101 F-15**, 1814 O-103 EF-40, **1815/2 O-101 ANACS VF-30**, 1819 O-107a R4 F-12, 1820 O-104 R4 G-6, 1823 O-105 EF-45, 1824/2/O O-103 AU-53 and AU-50, 1825 O-116 PCGS AU-53, **1827 O-138 R4 AU-50**, 1829 O-118 R4+ F, 1832 O-101 EDS EF-45.

He is the co-author of the Cherrypickers Guide to Rare Die Varieties, has been an instructor for ANA's Summer Seminar for more than 25 years, was the ANA's Numismatist of the Year and was elected to the ANA Hall of Fame. (His name is pronounced "fee-va".)

We discussed the collection of Bill's friend who is also one of my customers. This collector focuses strictly on Buffalo nickels, and has an Uncirculated set, to which he has added the major varieties - - the 1916 Doubled Die Obverse (in AU), the 1918/7-D, and the 1937-D 3-leg. But he didn't stop there, adding most of the other varieties (in whatever grades he could find) including repunched mintmarks, doubled die obverses and reverses, 3 1/2 leg dates (6 different dates), 2-feather varieties (over 30), no F (designer's initial on obverse) and various combinations of the above. He has achieved near-completion of a set that perhaps no one else has ever done. Both Bill and I have seen his set and, despite having seen a lot of sets and a lot of U. S. coins, we were amazed by it. The point is, collect what you like, have a plan, and not every collection has to include as many finest known coins as possible.

[Seated Halves](#) - **1839 No Drapery VF-30 PCGS**, 1839 With Drapery VF-30, **1840 with checkmark die crack PCGS F-15**, 1842 Small Date VG-8, 1845 VF-30 and VF-25, 1849 WB-104 R4 VF-20, 1857-S VG-10, 1860 VF-20, **1861-O WB-102 VF-20**, 1861-O VF-30, 1864 VF-25, 1870-CC Fr-AG, 1877-S Rev. of 78-S VG-10, 1881 NGC F-12, 1885 NGC gorgeously toned Proof w/ scratch plus a VF-20.

[Seated Dollars](#) - 1841 AU-53, 1844 at grading service, 1845 PCGS VF-30, **1855 PCGS VG-8**, 1856 at grading service, **1861 PCGS XF-40**, **1868 NGC AU-55**.

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